

SUBSTITUTE
APPLICATION FOR REISSUE OF UNITED STATES PATENT
Declaration and Power of Attorney

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter that is claimed in U.S. Patent 6,048,282 and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled: "Line System For Playing Field" described and claimed in the reissue specification filed herewith as Serial No. 10/119,755 filed April 11, 2002;

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims in the reissue specification filed herewith;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware that is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a). Under Title 35 U.S. Code §119, the priority benefits of the following foreign application filed within one year prior to the filing of the United States application that issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,048,282 for which reissue is being sought is hereby claimed:

Canadian Patent Application No. 2,238,953 filed May 26, 1998;

I verily believe that U.S. Patent No. 6,048,282 issued April 11, 2000 to be partly inoperative or invalid by reason of claiming less than the patentees had the right to claim in the patent;

More particularly, patent claim 1 contains features that were recited in application claims 2, 6 and 7 of the case from which U.S. Patent No. 6,048,282 issued. The claim 2 feature is "a pair of elongate flexible turf anchoring strips laterally outward of the outer bands of ribbons and secured to the backing" of the synthetic grass turf marking strip. The claims 6 and 7 feature is "ballast means on the backing for securing the marking strip within the trench, the ballast means comprising granular material disposed between the parallel rows of synthetic ribbons." During a review of patent claim 1, it was realized that these features were not necessary for allowance of the claim over the prior art cited and applied during the course of prosecution of that application. It is believed, moreover, that the Examiner's Reasons For Allowance, copy attached as Exhibit A, confirm that neither the feature of claim 2 nor the features of claims 6 and 7 of the original application was an element necessary patentably to define over the cited prior art. No mention is made in the statement of reasons for allowance of the then-pending claims being patentable over the cited prior art because the claims required a pair of elongate flexible turf anchoring strips laterally outward of the outer bands of ribbons and secured to the backing and/or granular material constituting ballast-means on the backing for securing the marking strip within the trench, the granular material being disposed between parallel rows of synthetic ribbons. It was realized also that it was not necessary to state that the pair of outer bands of ribbons had a green color because the application permits that outer band ribbon pair to be of a color blending visually with the natural turf grass surface. Thus, the patent claimed less than patentees had the right to claim in the patent;

By the present reissue application, the feature of original application claim 2 is eliminated from patent claim 1 and is presented as new claim 1. The feature of original application claim 6 is eliminated from patent claim 1 and presented as new claim 17, and patent claim 1 has been further amended to recite that the color of the outer band ribbon pair is one that visually blends with the color of the natural grass turf surface. Related changes are made in patent claims 2 and 5;

The patent is not assigned;

I hereby appoint the following as my attorneys of record with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office:

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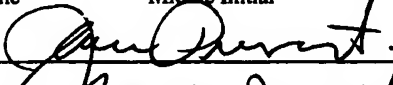
I hereby declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of this Declaration, and that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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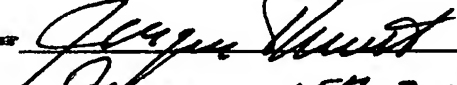
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